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SUBJECT: SOUTH CAROLINA BUSINESS GROUP TRAVEL

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1. FORMER GOVERNOR WEST, WHO IS HEADING SOUTH CAROLINA
"MIDDLE EAST TRADE MISSION" DESCRIBED REFTEL, DISCUSSED
MISSION SPONSORED BY SOUTH CAROLINA DEVELOPMENT BOARD
WITH TREASURY ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY OCTOBER 8. WEST
IS NOW IN PRIVATE LAW PRACTICE, AND WILL BE ACCOMPANIED
ON MISSION BY MR. WALTER PETTISS, ASSISTANT TO INCUMBENT
GOVERNOR EDWARDS, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF GOVERNOR
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EDWARDS.

2. PARSKY BRIEFED WEST AND SEVERAL OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP ON ACTIVITIES OF JOINT COMMISSIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA AND EGYPT AND ON PARSKY'S BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH KUWAITI OFFICIALS ON ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ISSUES.

3. PARSKY RECOMMENDED SOUTH CAROLINA GROUP SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH AMB AKINS AND USREP DIRECTOR BRUCE MORGAN. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT DURING THEIR STAYS IN JIDDA AND RIYADH THEY ATTEMPT TO SEE FOLLOWING SAUDI OFFICIALS: A) CROWN PRINCE FAHD, TO INDICATE DESIRE OF SOUTH CAROLINA BUSINESS

COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN SAUDI DEVELOPMENT; B) MINISTER ABA AL-KHAIL AND HIS DEPUTY MANSOOR AL-TURKI; C) CPO PRESIDENT HISHAM NAZIR; D) MINISTER OF PETROLEUM ZAKI YAMANI AND/OR ABDELHADY TAHER; E) PRINCE SA'UD; F) DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH FOR DISCUSSION OF POSSIBILITIES IN HEALTH FIELD; AND G) MINISTER OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS OR HIS DEPUTY, MOHAMMED AL-FAYEZ, TO DISCUSS VOCATIONAL AND OTHER TRAINING. PARSKY ALSO SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY GROUP OR PART OF GROUP SEE SAMA GOVERNOR ABD AL-AZIZ AL QURAYSHI IN JIDDA OR RIYADH. (STRONG RECOMMENDATION WAS MADE TO GROUP THAT THEY BREAK UP FUNCTIONALLY INTO SMALLER UNITS FOR PURPOSES OF VISITING AFOREMENTIONED OFFICIALS.)

4. PARSKY SUGGESTED MEETINGS IN EGYPT WITH ECONOMIC MINISTER SHAFEI AND DR. EFFAT. GROUP WAS ADVISED, HOWEVER, TO CONCENTRATE ON DISCUSSIONS WITH OPERATING STATE ENTERPRISES IN LINES OF INTEREST TO DELEGATION MEMBERS. REGARDING KUWAIT AND JORDAN VISITS, GOVERNOR WEST SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED PLANNED TRADE MISSION WITH FINANCE MINISTER ATEEQI AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF KING HUSSAIN DURING THEIR RESPECTIVE VISITS TO SOUTH CAROLINA AND BOTH HAD INDICATED GROUP WOULD BE WELCOME.

5. FOREGOING PROVIDED FOR EMBASSIES' INFORMATION IN HELPING SOUTH CAROLINA ADVANCE MAN DEVELOP PROGRAM FOR BUSINESS GROUP. WE WOULD APPRECIATE AMBASSADORS' RECEIVING GROUP WHERE POSSIBLE AND FOR JIDDA TO ALERT USREP DIRECTOR BRUCE MORGAN TO FORTHCOMING VISIT. INGERSOLL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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